

REMARKS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 21, 2009. Claims 21, 23-27, 30-34, and 38-40 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance are requested for at least the following reasons.

In the Action, claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as lacking antecedent basis for the limitation “to the side edge.” Claim 27 is amended to address this issue. It is noted that claim 27 is also amended to remove the limitation “using hook and loop fabric.” Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 34, 35, and 38-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Henke (U.S. Patent No. 4,885,876) in view of Sanchez (U.S. Patent No. 6,053,805) and further in view of Miles (U.S. Patent No. 6,325,708). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 34 is amended to incorporate allowable subject matter from claim 36. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 34, as well as any claims that depend therefrom, are requested.

Claim 36 is noted as being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 27 and 30-32 are noted as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under section 112. Finally, claims 21 and 23-26 are allowed. The Examiner’s assistance in identifying allowable subject matter is appreciated.

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in §§ 38 CFR 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required for entry of these papers or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

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